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11/24/68

Dear Gary,

There were, as you understand, a number of emergency situations, and an awful accumulation after my absence of a month, so I'm just getting around to the mail. Those of your letters to which I hadn't earlier responded are of 10/21, sent c/O Paul, and 11/12, c/o Matt.

My memory has so diminished that I've had to change my filing methods, making card, which will improve retrieval, but raises hell with time. Everything I got on this trip is now so filed save a few minor items, like the T-P morgue on Bringuier, a few clippings. I haven't even looked at what Lil clipped in my absence.

It is urgent that you never make any mention of those with whom I consulted on the major problem, for there would be vengeance against them. All I will ever acknowledge is what I had doped out for myself, beginning with being brushed off byBox and turned off by Jim's "chalk talk". However, this is not the end. It is only a beginning. It may be unpleasant to regard the possibility that some of us are in various ways not trustworthy, but I now have enough to convince me beyond doubt that Turner is not, at least on judgement and glibness with what he represents as fact when it isn't. Therefore, I ask you to keep a sharper eye on him, for we must protect ourselves and Jim from him. I have the memo thatxx apparently got xJim off on his Masferrer kick. It is sickening. The consequences of these diversions is beyond measure, they have wasted that much time and money for Jim. As I can now understand it (and this may be incomplete), it is the Turner-Boxley combination that leads him off into these strange directions. Joel Palmer seems to have been a recent addition, on the Nancy Perrin stuff. It seems that when he died or was murdered, Perrin was but 41. Working back from there, he was about 17 at the time he was a pilot-gun-runner for Franco, a rather precocious age, it seems to me. Therefore, I do not trust without additional confirmation. From Box I got a brushoff when I asked about this for, as you know, it has interested me since before the office got onto it. When I started checking around and learned Barbara had the same questions, I also learned she was fobbed off with the answer Nancy is a liar. I do not believe we can go for selective liars, selective truth.

It goes without saying I am no more popular in some quarters in N.O. In others, without doubt, the situation is different. One of the consequences, especially with my success with the footage, is a staff determination I think I beginxto detect, to push for the local stuff. This is too long overdue.

What happened with your eye exams? You said only that you had them.

It is wonderfulx that the Fishers are so helpful. But why didn't you accept my second slide projector when I offered it to you and Hal? Of course, you are now better off with the automatic one, but you could have had that.

When Patsy finishes with the Howard photos, do not forget a set of enlargements for me. As him to do special studies of the Steve Wilson face and have it in mind (like the ears) for when I get one of Rose. What did the girls tell you? Rose has acknowledged to me that he held out admitting he was Nagell's McNabb, but Turner insisted he had so identified himself from the first. Although I am the one who got those things from Howard, I have had to chisel to get what I have of it. My only concern is that I have enough to work with. Let me know what you need for him of these, though it would seem that after having access to the originals, which Steve got when I turned them over to him, he would have the best...Palmer has not yet returned the Alyea. I'll try and sic Moo on him.

He failed to answer several letters I wrote him in Calif on this. When he moved to N.O. he didn't let me know. When I was there and asked him for it he apologized and said he'd phone for it right away, having left it in LA. In short, he has managed to avoid returning it. This is one of the things that makes me ask questions about him, in my own mind, at least.

Matt knows Flip Schulke of Black Star and says he is a fine guy. However, he will not have any of the pictures he made for BS. It will be as with Matt, he will ship off to them the undeveloped negatives. Therefore, it would seem that Sprague either has seen these pictures or can get them through the agency.

If you and/or Hal recall the pages from CD 131 let me know. I do not have an extra Argens that is good. I do have the original print and the enlarged negatives I had made from it (WWII).

Can you spare that paragraph from the Sat Rev. 8/12/67, or do you think I should read the whole piece. He did not follow the surgeon into the emergency room that day. Incidently, when you get the memo on my Perry interview, read it carefully. If I haven't yet sent them, I've made copies for you and Paul. I'll tell Vince about it.

When you can give Bud your misgivings yourself. I will convey them with my own, which are deep. Others are refusing to associate for similar reasons.

Keep after Lillian. Perhaps Ray can do this for you. Steve is now too weak a reed.

Please send me the cover or the contents page on the Bringuier-Bargis piece. Incidently, Hunt is not friendly to either Bargis or Walker, has been approached for help by Penabaz (so you understand now, do you?) and Bringier, where I'll send a memo as soon as I can. Hunt was not in Mexico when he left Dallas, left on the recommendation of his own security man, not that of the FBI, was in Washington, where he remained for a month, and was not with Walker.

No new word from Russell, and I'm not pushing there because he is ill and I'm too busy. If it cools it may ripen slowly.

In your 11/12, the end, "odd and ends" I know nothing about most, find most interesting and would like to know more. No recollection Horst, Mandery, Camarate (Hal might here, think he does), Powers (cold be important), Schwinghamer (ditto, very-leave opening to return to him after we discuss your first interview, if you arrange it), or Faust. On Gaston, check with Hal. He once told me of a Cuban abandoned by the CIA on a mission. He is said to have attended school, possibly the N.O, cadmey, in N.O. I know that his name is familiar to Mrs. Cerniglia, but I have never had time to check back with her on him. He is supposedly dead. Consult Hal on this. You did not send me Fowler reports. Would like them. Hope you sent to Dallas. If not, I will when you send me. I'll have to write there soon. Nothing on rest

Any response your 11/11 Richardson, Phila?

Lifton's 8/8/68: Doubt you can, but see if you can learn who KT's friend who "keep bugging me to get it all finished" are? Epstein's book is late. What can he add on KT (whether he is adding does not interest me). He has modified his "high level plot" since then. He insists he has documentary proof it was LBJ and Dulles now, not Rusk. I spoke to him on the urging of Paul and others (who were right). P. 4: ask him evidence that Barbara Reid is JG's "key witness against Kerry" and that she is "a practitioner of witchcraft". You can tell him you have questioned me about this and I say I do not know

who Garrison's main witness will be but I suspect it will be Kerry and that I havespent much time in Barbara's home andbelieve she has no connection with witchcraft at all, that Kerry manufactured this and DL has taken it on his word. She has made a study of Voodoo and has an unpublished book on it. I have tried to introduce it to several publishers (all of this is true, not just bait).

For your information, not his, She is not the only one who told me of seeing KT and LHO together, whether they are right or wrong. Barbara, incidently, is anything but a bitch. She is very generous, tolerant, etc. Ask him the reasons for his characterization "a witness like Barbara Reid". What does he mean? How does he know she will be the only witness against KT? He talsk about no other. Has he ever met her or discussed this with her? In short, without being blunt, ask him to establish the validity of his beliefs, their basis, etc. He told me it is all KT and KT is "an honest man". He promised to consider certain things I told him on this point of "honesty", promised to send me certain things he has not. I know he is circulating an errata, which should tell him how dependable KT is. P. 5. Try and learn identity of RFK's journalist friend who says he could not "bear to talk about it". As you know, I agree and think this could be important. I'd like to tlak to that guy.

The bottom of page five says "over" but it is the last page you sent. What was in his p.s.? I have put aside for copying what you asked returned and when I do the copying will return it.

Just spoke to Vince. He will arrange my fare to N.C. with him 12/4 if I do not go earlier with Bud and we will Dutch-Uncle it when we all meet there.

Lil just gave me Epstein's cover review of Bishop's book in today's Book World with the opinion I must read it, so I close, apologizing for not reading for typos. I hope it does not take too long to puzzle them out.

Best regards from both,